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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS AGAIN ON BEIRUT RAID

USUN REPORTS THAT THE APRIL 13 UNSC MEETING ON THE BEIRUT RAID WAS INCONCLUSIVE. THE SOVIET UNION EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, INCLUDING EXPULSION FROM THE UN. ALGERIAN AND SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVES SAID US AID TO ISRAEL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUSPICION OF A US ROLE IN THE BEIRUT RAID, BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY ACCUSATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
USUN 1365, 4/14.

2. US PROTESTS SOVIET CHARGE OF BEIRUT INVOLVEMENT

ON APRIL 13 ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL FORMALLY PROTESTED TO SOVIET DCM VORONTOSOV A RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST IN ARABIC CHARGING THAT THE BEIRUT RAID WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF THE US.

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STOESSEL REITERATED THAT THESE CHARGES ARE ENTIRELY FALSE AND EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT ANY ACTION WHICH COULD INCITE VIOLENCE AGAINST THE US OR AMERICAN CITIZENS

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IN ARAB COUNTRIES. (CONFIDENTIAL) STATE 070171, 4/14.

3. FRANCE, GVN TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

A SOUTH VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY SAIGON APRIL 13 THAT THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE GVN WOULD BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY. THE OFFICIAL DESCRIBED THE DEVELOPMENT AS A " DIPLOMATIC VICTORY." (CONFIDENTIAL) SAIGON 6279, 4/13.

4. UNSC MEETING POSTPONED

ACCORDING TO A LATE REPORT FROM USUN, THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 16 AT THE REQUEST OF THE EGYPTIAN MISSION. (UNCLASSIFIED) USUN 1367, 4/14. ROGERS

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